

What is claimed is:

1. A method for providing a preview via a network of the potential effects of cosmetic surgery, the method comprising:
selecting a cosmetic surgery procedure;
asking at least one question regarding the body of a patient via the network;
answering the question(s) via the network; and
using the answers to form a preview image of the patient showing the potential effects of the selected cosmetic surgery procedure.

2. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein at least one image is provided in association with the question(s) so as to facilitate answering of the question(s).

3. The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising selecting at least one image which matches some characteristic of a patient.

4. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein selecting a cosmetic surgery procedure comprises selecting a cosmetic surgery category from the group consisting of:
a cosmetic surgery procedure for the breasts;
a cosmetic surgery procedure for the eyes;
a cosmetic surgery procedure for the removal of fat;
a cosmetic surgery procedure for the lips;
a cosmetic surgery procedure for the ears;
a cosmetic surgery procedure for the face;
a cosmetic surgery procedure for the hair;
a cosmetic surgery procedure for the mitigation of scar tissue;
a cosmetic surgery procedure for the nose;
a cosmetic surgery procedure for the chin; and
a cosmetic surgery procedure for the cheeks.

5. The method as recited in claim 4, wherein selecting a cosmetic surgery

procedure comprises selecting a specific cosmetic surgery procedure.

6. The method as recited in claim 4, wherein selecting a cosmetic surgery procedure comprises selecting a specific cosmetic surgery procedure within the selected category.

7. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein selecting a cosmetic surgery procedure comprises selecting one of a plurality of different breast enhancement procedures.

8. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein asking at least one question comprises asking a plurality of questions about the present form, e.g., shapes, size, coloration, of body of the patient.

9. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein asking at least one question comprises asking at least one question about the history of the body of the patient.

10. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein asking at least one question comprises asking a plurality of multiple choice questions.

11. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein asking at least one question comprises asking at least some of the following questions:

A) How would you describe your breasts?

I have never been pregnant and I have little, if any breast tissue;

I have very nice, small or medium sized B cup breasts with essentially no droopiness;

I have never been pregnant and have little or any breast tissue;

I have very nice C cup breasts with excellent shape and symmetry;

I had B cup breasts prior to pregnancy; at the time of pregnancy, I went to a C or D, and now I have shrunken, small A—B cup breasts with missing volume and not much droopiness;

I had C cup breasts until childbirth, at which time they became D cups; now I have large B cup to C cup breasts which appear droopy;

- B) Age?;
- C) Weight and height?;
- D) Breast size: A cup, B cup, C cup, or D cup?;
- E) I have significant asymmetry;
- F) My ancestral background is:
 - Asian;
 - Mid Eastern;
 - Afro-American;
 - American;
 - Hispanic;
- G) My body type is:
 - Mesomorphic (muscular);
 - ectomorphic (very thin);
 - endomorphic (large boned);
- H) I would describe my chest wall (if I cut my body in half and looked at it on cross-section) as:
 - barrel chest;
 - thin pencil chest;
 - normal cylinder;
 - abnormal because it is sunken in at the middle;
 - abnormal because it protrudes in the middle;
- I) I would describe my breast tissue as:

dense (hard to the touch);
fatty (very soft to the touch); mixed;

J) I would describe my breast shape as:
round;
tubular;
flat with no existing breast tissue, or breast tissue only at the level of the nipple or above, with no breast tissue below the nipple;
perfect teardrop;

K) I would describe my skin as:
stretchy with stretch marks; very droopy;
thick, virgin type skin with excellent pliability;

L) I have had more than one pregnancy and have breast feed more than one child:
yes;
no;

M) My weight with the exception of pregnancy was within 10-20 lbs. of normal;

N) I would describe my areolae as:
dilated; stretched and enlarged; normal dimensions;
normal diameter, very small diameter (less than 3.5 cm);

O) I would describe the pigment of my areola as:
darkly pigmented;
lightly pigmented;

P) I would describe my nipple projection as:
large;
normal;

inverted;

Q) Preexisting history of breast cancer in:
sister;
maternal relative;
one relative, two relatives, greater than two relatives;

R) I prefer:
a very natural look to my breasts, (conservative);
for relatives or friends to not notice much of an enlargement in clothing;
however, when wearing skimpy clothes or a bathing suit, more noticeable image changes
are apparent;

S) In addition, I desire:
a very natural appearing breast when nude;
an obvious difference in clothing as well as nude and in all clothing wear;
a very fake looking breast with headlight appearance and round, full volume
(very unnatural look nude); and
obvious breast implant look.

12. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein asking at least one question
comprises asking for a plurality of measurement results.

13. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein asking at least one question
comprises asking for the following measurement results:

sternal notch to nipple distance;
bilateral inframammary crease to nipple distance;
nipple to nipple distance; and
bilateral base dimension.

14. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein asking at least one question
comprises asking a plurality of multiple choice questions and asking for a plurality of

measurement results.

15. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein using the answers to from a preview image of the patient showing the potential effects of the selected cosmetic surgery procedure comprises using the answers to form a preview image of the affected body part.

16. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein using the answers to from a preview image of the patient showing the potential effects of the selected cosmetic surgery procedure comprises selecting a pre-existing image which most closely matches a predicted outcome of the cosmetic surgery procedure.

17. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein using the answers to from a preview image of the patient showing the potential effects of the selected cosmetic surgery procedure comprises generating a new image which most closely matches a predicted outcome of the cosmetic surgery procedure.

18. A method for showing potential results of a breast enhancement cosmetic surgery procedure via the Internet without requiring a picture of the prospective patient, the method comprising:

selecting a breast enhancement cosmetic surgery procedure to be performed;

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19. A method for providing a preview via a network of the potential effects of cosmetic surgery, the method comprising:

providing a selection of cosmetic surgery procedures;
asking at least one question regarding the body of a patient via the network;
receiving answers the question(s) via the network; and
using the answers to form a preview image of the patient showing the potential effects of the selected cosmetic surgery procedure.

20. A method for providing a preview via a network of the potential effects of cosmetic surgery, the method comprising:

- selecting a cosmetic surgery procedure;
- asking at least one question regarding the body of a patient via the network work;
- selecting at least one image which matches an anatomical characteristic of a patient via the network; and
- using the selected image(s) to form a preview image of the patient showing the potential effects of the selected cosmetic surgery procedure.

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